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SUBJECT: UK INS TO USSR

REF: COCOM DOCS (76) 475 AND 966; OECD PARIS 2823

1. WHILE IN LONDON, US DEL PASSED TO BRITISH DETAILED RESULTS OF US REANALYSIS OF SUBJECT CASE (COPY POUCHED PARIS)
2. BRITISH COMPLAINED OF LACK OF EQUITY BETWEEN COCOM APPROVAL OF US ATC TO BULGARIA AND US OBJECTION TO UK INS TO USSR, RECOGNIZING THAT EQUIPMENT WAS DISSIMILAR BUT ARGUING THAT BULGARIANS COULD CONTROL MANY MILITARY AIRCRAFT WITH US ATC EQUIPMENT WHEREAS POSSIBLE SOVIET MILITARY USE OF UK INS EQUIPMENT PROPOSED FOR EXPORT WOULD BE MORE
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LIMITED.

3. REQUEST USDEL INFORM UK DEL EITHER IN OR OUT OF COMMITTEE:

A) US BELIEVES US REANALYSIS PROVIDED IN LONDON SUPPORTS CONTINUED US OBJECTION;

B) BEFORE RESTATING OBJECTION IN COMMITTEE, US WISHES TO PROVIDE UK WITH OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO ANY POINTS IN REANALYSIS WHICH UK BELIEVES ARE INCORRECT OR MISLEADING;

C) US BELIEVES UK INS TO USSR IS OF MORE CONCERN THAN US ATC TO BULGARIA ALTHOUGH WHAT WE ARE COMPARING HERE ARE TWO ENTIRELY DIFFERENT SYSTEMS WITH DIFFERENT CAPABILITIES. THUS THE ATC SYSTEM CAN ONLY BECOME PART OF A DEFENSE SYSTEM WHEREAS INS, ON THE OTHER HAND, CAN BECOME PART OF AN OFFENSIVE SYSTEM. THE ATC CAN ONLY BE USED WITHIN THE BULGARIAN AIRSPACE AND WOULD BE OF NO USE OUTSIDE THAT AREA. THE INS, ON THE OTHER HAND, COULD BE USED WITH BOMBERS OR CRUISE MISSILES IN OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS. THE RADAR IN AN ATC SYSTEM IS FURTHER SUBJECT TO JAMMING. INS IS CONSIDERED TO BE A PRIMARILY MILITARY SYSTEM FOR WHICH THERE ARE NO ICAO STANDARDS WHEREAS ATC MEETS ICAO STANDARDS. FURTHERMORE, THE ATC WILL BE A FIXED INSTALLATION SUBJECT TO PERIODIC VISITS AND THUS CANNOT BE DIVERTED; THERE IS NO SIMILAR CONTROL ON THE INS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE SOVIETS.

D) US COULD REMOVE OBJECTION TO UK CASE IF IT WERE REVISED TO PROVIDE FOR OMEGA BACKUP FOR ANOTHER OMEGA AND EXCLUDED THE SELF-CONTAINED E-3 SYSTEM, ITS COMPUTER AND INTERFACE.

4. ABOVE ALSO COMMUNICATED UK EMBASSY.
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